

BUNCETON, MO.

The Dunbar High school has had a very successful year. Teachers, pupils and parents have worked earnestly and have co-operated together. The Commencement exercises began Sunday, May 14, with an educational sermon to the graduates and pupils at Mt. Zion Baptist church. Rev. R. E. Lee, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church, and one of the ablest ministers in Missouri, preached the educational sermon which was one of the best ever heard. The exercises of the primary grade Tuesday, May 16, under the management of the primary teacher, Miss Ida Newman, were grand. Miss Newman has accomplished much good with the little folks. Wednesday was "Farmer's Day." Prof. E. M. Parrish, farm agent for Negro farmers of Missouri, was present and gave lectures and demonstrations. Prof. Parrish is a wide-awake gentleman and is a credit to the Negro race. He visited several farms while here. The high school play was Wednesday night, May 17, at the Masonic hall. The pupils reflected credit upon themselves and the school. The exercises of the Grammar school was Thursday night, May 18, at Baptist church. The teacher, Miss Clara Fly, had the children well trained and it was the best ever heard. It was a credit to teacher and school. Friday night, May 19, at Masonic hall was commencement. The exercises were grand. Prof. J. W. Dame, teacher of chemistry and agriculture at Lincoln Institute, delivered the class address. It was logical and enthusiastic and the audience was held spellbound by the mastery way in which he delivered it. The parents have co-operated with the teachers and the results are grand. May they continue and let the work succeed. Miss Lillian Blanton, a fine musician from Brunswick, had charge of the music. She had everything in fine shape and the music was grand. The faculty, B. W. Morris, principal; Miss Clara Fly, teacher of grammar grades, and Miss Ida Newman, teacher of primary grades, thank all for their support in helping to make the work a success. The graduates were: Roscoe Stevenson and Walter Williams. These are bright young men and a successful future is hoped for them. If they go onward and upward they will succeed.

MOBERLY, MO.

Sunday services at Grand chapel were well attended. The collection was \$13.40. The commencement program of the Lincoln High school held at the A. M. E. church May 19 was nicely attended. There were four graduates: Faye B. West, Arlon C. Vaughn, Ralph Lee Johnson and Johnnie Wright. The program was as follows: "Memory's Message," Johnnie Wright; oration, "True Nobility," Arlon Vaughn; oration, "Missouri," Ralph Johnson; oration and valedictorian, Intellectual, Industrial and Moral Education Related to Civic Prosperity, Faye B. West. Mrs. Mary Reed is the guest of her daughter at Higbee, Mo. Mr. Robert Austin of Moberly, Mo., and Miss Maggie Turner of Iowa, were united in holy wedlock May 16. May theirs ever be a bright future. On Wednesday Misses L. V. Nichols and E. G. Calloway, with their scholars spent a pleasant outing trip at Forest park. Sunday services at

Second Baptist church were well attended. Mrs. Mina Patrick is improving at this writing. Mr. J. H. Yebby has opened up a cleaning and pressing shop at 309 W. Rollins. Pay him a visit. Miss Emma Hurley is still seriously ill at this writing. The Calendar club met with Mrs. B. F. White Wednesday, May 17. Miss Phyllis Ford spent a few days in our city the guest of her sister, Mrs. P. J. Prather. Mrs. Prather left Tuesday to attend commencement in Brunswick.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

By W. W. Mosely.

Mr. Lon B. Thomas was in Kansas City and his mother, Mrs. Lucinda Thomas, returned home with him. Mr. John C. Galtbreath has been confined with illness for the past week. Mr. David E. Nichols, who recently had a minor operation at a local hospital, has returned home and is improving. Mr. Charles H. Coll, who suffered an accident by having a broken leg about five months ago, is able to be in his shop again, though on crutches. Mother Simms is much improved in health. Grand Lecturer P. L. Pratt, of M. W. G. Lodge of Missouri Jurisdiction, visited Lebanon No. 126, A. F. & A. M., last Thursday and gave a lesson in Masonry. Brother Pratt is very efficient in his work and Lebanon highly commends him. Last Sunday was rally day at Mt. Zion Baptist church; three services were held; preaching at 11 a. m. by Pastor Hillman; at 3:30 p. m. by Dr. Payne of A. M. E. church; at night by Rev. C. W. Ross. One hundred and eleven dollars was raised.

HELENA, MONT.

By Mrs. Mattie McGinnis.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to thank our many dear Helena friends for their loving kindness and hospitality during the illness and death of our loving and beloved husband and father, Mr. Andrew J. Butler, who passed away in Helena, Mont., April 17 and we must thank our friends for the beautiful floral offerings.

MRS. MATTIE BUTLER, wife,
MISS IONA O. BUTLER, daughter,
B. C. BUTLER, son.

The churches are doing nicely, everybody is wide awake and working the bright stars and the Busy Bee is making a good showing. Mrs. Kittie C. Smith entertained the Busy Bee last Thursday at her home on Hollis avenue. Quite a large number were out. Mrs. C. C. Matthews is one of the sick list. Mr. Wm. Haskell is at the St. John hospital, No. 21, would like to have his friends call and see him. Mrs. Geo. H. Lucas chaperoned a few young people to a delightful surprise party on Milton Wilson in honor of his 16th birthday on last Monday evening, a very pleasant time being spent by all. Dainty refreshments were served. Merriment ran high at the sight of the birthday cake with its candles. Milton received some very useful presents. The guests were: Misses Anna Bell Crump, Alice York, Emma Dorsey, Florence Mattheu, Muriel Lucas, Master Leonard Brown, Jack Napper, Eugene Marshall, and Robert Brown. Sunday, May 21, was Rally day at the Ebenezer Baptist

church. Rev. H. C. Parsons, pastor. Mrs. Wm. Mason of Cannon street, entertained at a delightful luncheon last Thursday when she had as her honored guests, Mrs. L. S. Wilson. The color tone was yellow. In the center of the table a lovely cut glass basket of yellow jonquills tied with yellow streamers, was placed yellow candles. A well chosen menu was served. Hand painted place cards marked the seats for the following guests: Mesdames I. S. Wilson, Geo. H. Lucas, G. G. Dorsey, N. Ford, J. Harrison, H. J. Baker, G. M. Lee. Mr. Chas. Oliver will leave on Thursday for a short trip to Auxvasse, Mo. Word has been received that Mrs. Jennie Seals of Topeka, Kas., will soon return to Helena, Mont. Mrs. N. Ford will leave on Thursday for Bozeman, Mont., to be present when her son graduates.

INDEPENDENCE, MO.

Last Friday was Patron's day at Young school and more than 400 visitors availed themselves of this opportunity. At 12 o'clock the Board of Education and newspaper men had a luncheon, guests of the Domestic Science Department under the direction of Miss Alice Whitehead. At 10 o'clock the building was thrown open to the public and in the evening the senior girls presented a play after which Prof. J. R. E. Lee, principal of Lincoln High school, addressed the citizens on "Education of Today." His remarks were appropriate and instructive. The display this year was unusually good from the primary work down, as Prof. Lee put it. All departments were well represented. The primary work under the direction of Miss Abbie Pollard was especially good. It showed what little hands and minds can do when properly directed. The second room, with Miss Hattie Hughes in charge, had quite a display of baskets, mats and raffi bags. The work in Miss Raglan's room, which consisted of cardboard, paper cutting and fancy work, was also good. The girls of the senior class made their own dresses at an average cost of \$1.35. The Sewing and Art Department, under the supervision of Miss Trilby Turner, was exceptionally good this year. The work in the boys' shop this year was at its best. Such models as dressing tables, library tables, taboretts and chifferobes were made. Prof. Harrison teaches his own manual training and in ability as a school man is second to none in the state. There are eleven graduates from the High school department, nine from sewing, eight from cooking, and one from cabinet. The commencement exercises will be held at White Oak M. E. church Friday evening, May 26.

ROSEDALE, KAS.

The commencement exercises of Atucks school were held at the Rosedale High school Thursday evening. Prof. Shelton French of Kansas City, Kas., addressed the graduating class in a very pleasing manner. An address was also made by a member of the school board. A splendid program was rendered by the class. There were nine graduates. The Pleasant Valley Mission Circle was entertained by Mrs. Chas. Young at her residence 909 Division, Monday afternoon. After the regular routine of business the nesses served a delicious luncheon. Mr. Samuel Webb died at the

Some of his mother Monday. Besides his mother he is survived by his wife, son, four brothers and five sisters. The Busy Bee club met at the home of Mrs. Joseph Collins Wednesday evening. The club is doing some very effective work.

INSURANCE MEN BANQUET

On Wednesday evening, May 24, the colored insurance men of Kansas City, represented by L. C. Stewart and L. C. Smith, agency directors of the Standard Life Insurance company, and J. J. Allen, district manager of The Clover Leaf Casualty company, together with their respective staffs, enjoyed a most sumptuous repast at the Y. M. C. A. Covers were laid for fifteen. The following topics were discussed:

Possibilities of the Colored Insurance Man, by J. J. Allen; Business Experiences, by L. C. Stewart; Co-operation an Essential Factor, by L. C. Smith; Salesmanship, by T. A. Ross; How Can We Get the Confidence of the Colored People?, by John M. Day. In addition to the above subjects, short talks were made by Messrs. P. C. James, C. E. Smith and Dorsey Brown.

The spirit of the meeting was that the colored people of Kansas City were anxious to have men of their own race collect their insurance, thereby giving employment to our young men and women. To better serve our people along this line it was thought an organization was necessary. Pursuant thereto a permanent organization was formed and the following officers elected: J. J. Allen, president; L. C. Smith, vice-president; John M. Day, secretary; P. C. James, Asst. Secretary, and L. C. Stewart, treasurer.

The next meeting will be held at the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday evening, June 7, 1916, at 8 o'clock. All insurance men are invited.

HELENA, MONT.

Sunday, May 14, was Mothers' day. Special services with program were observed by the Sunday school and church. Mrs. John Haynes died at the residence of Mrs. Parsons. He came to Helena one week ago, was formerly a steward in a club at Lewistown. His brother of Moulana came and took charge of the body. Rev. I. S. Wilson officiated. Wednesday night class meeting has been changed to Friday night. Friends and strangers are welcome to the meetings. The Odd Fellows and H. H. of Ruth held their annual sermon Sunday, May 14. J. W. Williams, S. G. C., was master of ceremonies. M. S. Georgia Irving, N. G. A. large audience listened to a well delivered sermon by Rev. I. S. Wilson of the A. M. E. church. The K. of P. gave their first banquet and dance Wednesday evening at Germania hall and it was largely attended. Such noble workers on the committee as John Williams, Arthur E. McGinnis, Walter Fisher and Gus Mason and others, spell success. A surprise party was given for Milton Wilson, son of Rev. I. S. Wilson, by Miss Muriel Lucas; about fourteen girls and boys were invited. They met at Mrs. Lucas' and were chaperoned to the home of the surprised guest. It was his sixteenth birthday anniversary and he received many valuable and beautiful presents. Mrs. Wm. Mason gave a luncheon Thursday at her home on Cannon street. In the center of the table was a beautiful vase filled with yellow jonquills. Covers were laid for ten. Mrs. Ella Simmons is now at home from the hospital after an operation. The Georgia Serenaders are touring Montana and were heard from in Livingston where they were royally entertained. They are drawing cards and meeting with good success. A card of thanks has been received from Mrs. A. J. Butler in Louisiana to friends in Helena who were so kind and loyal to her deceased husband in his illness at his death and for the beautiful floral offerings and warm words of sympathy. Monday, the 15th, the Baptist church held a chicken supper. There were no charges, but a free will offering was taken. Rev. Parson is the pastor. Royal Parson was the fastest sprinter and high jumper of the Helena H. S. and State, taking first honors at Missouri at the track meet. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Parson of the Baptist church who were recently called here from North Yakima, Wash. Mr. Webb of Butte is in the city visiting friends. Mr. Major Green has opened a rooming house on Cutler street and later on a cafe will be run.

Make Better Time Now.

When it came to traveling, the folks back in 1700 tried to burn up the road, just like the speed fiends of the present day. A newspaper dated March 10, 1737, in the library at New York, tells about a flying trip made in 14 hours between New York and Philadelphia. Eighty miles in 14 hours does not seem to us such breathless speed, but the same paper says that in order to accomplish this feat, "John Butler, with his wagon, must needs set out from the sign of the 'Death of the Fox' at daybreak and drive at top speed (the horses being changed at each stage ere the coach stops rocking), to meet the ferry of Rubin Fitzrandolph, which delivers passengers in New York by night." For those leisure times this was indeed "going some."

The Iron Cross.

The Iron Cross had for long been known as one of the most famous of European war decorations. The proposal to bestow a reward of the kind for distinguished service in the field, and, since the foundation of the German navy, at sea, originated with the war of liberation, in 1813. There were again many distributions of the cross during the "war of unity" against France in 1870. With the shape of the iron cross many pictures have made us familiar. The material from which it is constructed is cast iron, and it has an edging of silver. The 1813-15 crosses have the initials F. W. (Friedrich Wilhelm) in the center; those of 1870 W. (Wilhelm). The bestowal of the decoration carries with it a small allowance to the rank and file.

FROM OYSTERMAN AND FARMER TO COMMANDANT.

Story of Allan W. Washington of Hampton Institute.

"Big Boy!" This is the affectionate nickname which the Hampton Institute students have for Allen Washington, now the associate commandant of cadets, who is officially known as "Captain Washington" and will be the successor of Major Robert R. Morton, who, in turn, is the well-known principal-elect of Tuskegee Institute.

Growing boys are keen judges of character and whom they follow others do well to understand and appreciate.

Testing Education by Results.

Some years ago it used to be said that if Hampton had done no more than train Booker T. Washington, it would have paid for itself many times over. Recently the Nation, especially the South, has been rejoicing that Major Moton, another distinguished graduate of Hampton, would soon take up Dr. Washington's heavy burden at Tuskegee. Today, the friends of Hampton and of Negro education are rejoicing that another self-made, Hampton-trained man, Allen Washington, will become the commandant of cadets at Hampton where he was graduated in 1891—a product of the pioneer of Gen. Chapman Armstrong.

Allen Washington came to the Hampton school on the lower peninsula of Virginia from Gloucester county—a county well known on account of the large percentage of Negroes who own their farms and their homes; Negroes who are law abiding and thrifty; Negroes who have won the respect of the best white people because of their industry and good character.

Starting Work as Student.

Allen Washington entered the Hampton Institute in September, 1885, and became what is called a "work student;" that is, he worked by day at manual labor and then went to school for two hours on five nights of the week. In 1889 he finished the harnessmaker's trade and then spent two years in the Hampton day school academic department.

After his graduation, Allen Washington was employed by day in the harness-making shop and by night he helped in the commandant's department. During the next year he spent one-half of his day in the harness shop and one-half in the commandant's office. Little by little he became more active in the disciplinary work and soon found his full stride in handling boys—handling them with sympathy and still with firmness.

Negro Leadership.

How does a colored man handle his own people? To answer this question, so far as Captain Washington is concerned, is to say that here is a man who is ready to explain to the boys why it is necessary for them to obey certain rules; here is a friend and adviser, who, with all his kindness, cannot easily be hoodwinked; here is an administrative officer who is willing to explain with calmness what is what and is then prepared to insist that boys must do their part to maintain the high standards which have characterized Hampton for nearly fifty years.

A Big Brother in Action.

Captain Washington is, indeed, a "Big Brother" to the 500 Negro and Indian boys who are being trained at Hampton for leadership in school-teaching, farming and mechanical industries. He is friendly but emphatic in his administration of discipline. He is willing to put the facts squarely to boys and he expects them to do their best. Even when he has to send away an occasional boy, he gives the best kind of advice and has in this way started many boys on a higher path.

Leading and Serving.

As an officer of the Hampton School, Captain Washington has taken part in many educational and financial meetings which have been held to create new interests in Negro education. He has traveled far and wide speaking on behalf of Hampton and the ideas for which Hampton stands. He knows the South and conditions which his people face. He was one of Dr. Washington's closest friends and associates. He has taken an active part in the constructive work of several Negro organizations which aim to promote race relations.

Captain Washington is treasurer of the Negro Organization Society of Virginia, which is carrying to over 300,000 Negroes the message of "Better Health, Better Schools, Better Farms and Better Homes;" and financial secretary of the Hampton Institute Alumni Association. He is also president of the Summer Literary Society which is composed of colored men and women who make a serious study of the best literature.

Captain Washington has received instruction from some of the best U. S. Army officers who have been stationed at Fort Monroe. He is a thorough drillmaster and tactician. He believes in his own race, as well as in white people. He preaches the doctrine of success through struggle to the boys under his charge.

Racial Good Will.

Whether as a farmer, an oysterman, a harnessmaker, a disciplinarian or a trusted officer in some Negro organization, Allen Washington has always retained his native simplicity of speech, sincerity and spirit of racial good will.

It is to men of the type of Booker T. Washington, Robert R. Moton and Allen Washington that more and more people are looking today for helpful suggestions relating to the race problem.

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